

REMARKS

Claims 21, 24-27, 29 and 53-61 are pending in this application. Claims 1-20 have been canceled in the previous application, and claims 22, 23, 28 and 30 are being canceled with this amendment. Claims 31-52 have been allowed in the previous application (application number 09/746,556). Claims 21, 24-27 and 29 were the subject of a restriction requirement in the previous application (Paper Number 6, mailed on 10/02/2002), and were drawn to a non-elected invention. The Applicants now present these claims and new claims 53-61 in this divisional application. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

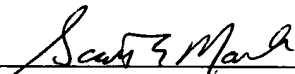
Claims 21, 24-27 and 29 have been amended to include subject matter of the claims allowed in the previous application. Support for the new claims can be found throughout the specification, and particularly at page 6, lines 43-45; page 7 lines 1-13; and page 9, lines 14-15 and 29-31. In light of the foregoing, it is believed that all the claims as currently amended and newly presented are in condition for allowance.

The Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding this Preliminary Amendment, he is invited to contact the Applicants' attorneys at the numbers provided below.

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